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Captain's Call



*By Capt. Nancy L. Deitch, USN
Commanding Officer*

"I, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic... and that I take this obligation freely, without mental reservation, so help me God."

Almost 25 years ago, I raised my right hand and repeated the words "I, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies for eign and domestic... and that I take this obligation freely, without mental reservation, so help me God." That oath has been a part of every promotion ceremony since. It means a way of life and a mindset. Not just a job, and not just for me, but for my family as well. It means service to a cause that I believe is just and noble and honorable.

The events of September 11th, and events subsequent to that tragic, life-altering day, have caused me to reflect a lot on that oath and what it truly means to me. Not just now, but in the future as well. From day one, Admiral Clark talked about the current and future readiness of the Fleet. His goals were never more meaningful. Our uniformed personnel, civil service employees and contractors are directly responsible for ensuring that our fighting forces are the best equipped, trained, and supported military in the world — that's our business.

At the same time, it is appropriate that we think of our families. As I write this article, I am in Washington, D.C., preparing to attend the memorial service for Mr. Jim Lynch, an SSC Charleston member, killed in the attack on the Pentagon. Today [Oct. 12, 2001] would have been the Lynch's 16th wedding anniversary. Those seeking to practice religious freedom founded our country; Jim Lynch died in defense of that ideal. I ask you to keep the Lynch family in your thoughts and prayers. They are all patriots.

We have challenging times ahead — times that will demand our courage, fortitude and commitment. We are equal to the task at hand.

New TASR means 'no down time'

*By Julie Elliott
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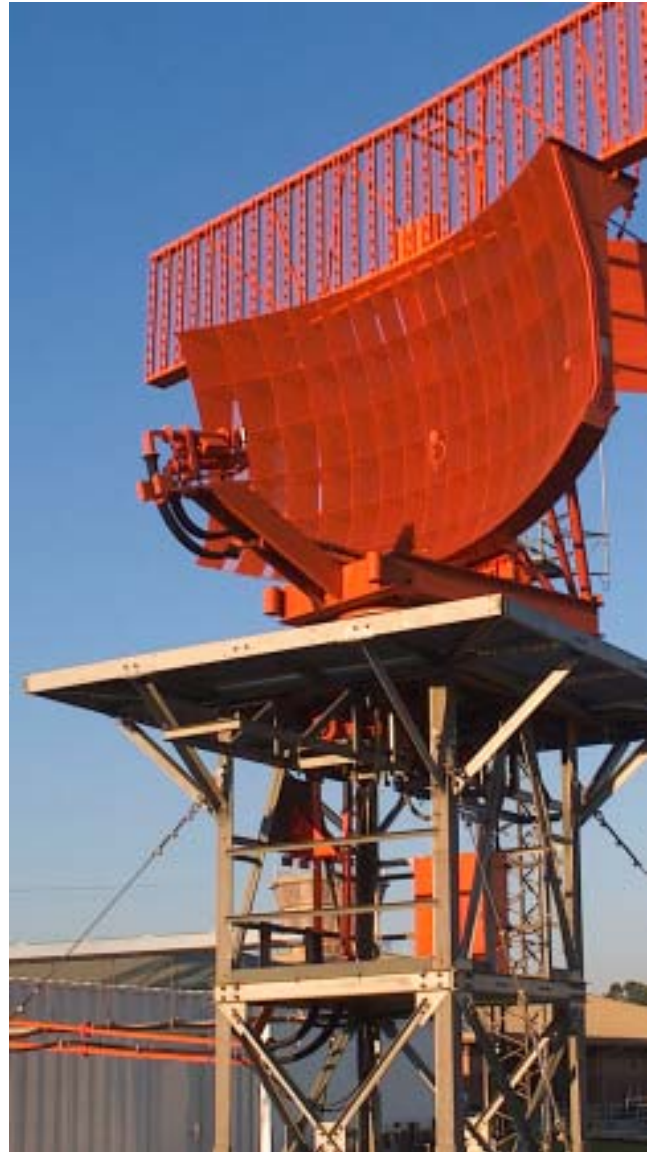
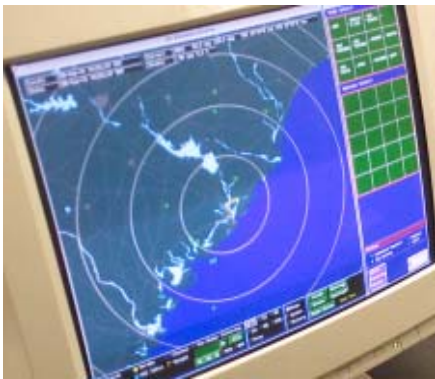
A Transportable Airport Surveillance Radar (TASR), built by SSC Charleston's Air Traffic Control (ATC) Radar, Software and Interface Systems Engineering Branch and Resource Consultants, Inc., supports a Naval Air Systems Command program.

The TASR includes all components of an existing single channel airport surveillance radar and is equipped with interrogators that enable the same capabilities as any operational air surveillance system currently in use at Naval and Marine Corps Air Stations worldwide. Radar data is digitized and transmitted from the TASR location to processing and display equipment at remote sites. TASR feeds both legacy analog automation systems and the newer all digital ATC systems.

The TASR antenna, installed on a specially designed transportable tower, provides primary target information to the air traffic controller. An

Open Planar Array antenna mounted above provides secondary radar returns from aircraft transponders, which are decoded at the radar site and provided to the air traffic control automation system. A generator and an uninterruptible power supply deploy with the TASR, providing clean, continuous

power in case of shore power failure. TASR ensures continual surveillance.





FMS team reaches out to the world

*By David Lutzow
HF Communications Branch*

The SSC Charleston Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Support Team within the HF Communications Branch has supported the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) Foreign Ship Transfer Program since 1995. Under the program, the U.S. Navy provides foreign navies with decommissioned and excess U.S. Navy vessels.

The team comprises various members throughout SSC Charleston and support contractors who provide assistance in the following areas: installation and test support, management and engineering support, ship liaison, antenna and topside engineering support, logistics, and training. Together, the team transfers C4ISR products to foreign countries. The professional, prompt and high quality support provided by the FMS team has resulted in accolades from the customers, as well as many requests for future support and new projects.

The FMS team works with customers to define their operational requirements. They then design, procure and install the new systems to meet the foreign navy's specific needs. Based on their many years of expertise, the team provides consultation and engineering services to help determine the foreign navy's communication needs — including site surveys, technical documentation package preparation, overall system design and interoperability testing. After all equipment has been installed and groomed, the team conducts end-to-end system testing, including waterfront ship-to-shore live radio communication testing. The FMS team also provides in-depth system trouble shooting and corrective maintenance training, as well as on-the-job operator training onboard the ship to help the sailors properly operate the new equipment.

One of the team's significant efforts was the redesign and upgrade of two foreign navy Knox Class frigates' communication centers in 1999 at the former Charleston Naval Base. The FMS team successfully completed the redesign and upgrade within time and budget constraints, and received a letter of recognition from the foreign navy's vice admiral in Aug. 2000. The team also received a letter of commendation from NAVSEA praising the FMS project's outstanding performance.

Other foreign navy efforts include: repair and reconditioning of C4I communication equipment system and communication antennas; overhaul and reconditioning of communication centers; and providing technical expertise to resolve message coding/encoding systems.

Due to the FMS team's success, NAVSEA appointed an SSC Charleston employee as the single point of contact for all FMS activities involving certain NAVSEA equipment. Technical solutions and price proposals have been submitted for work with various navies, from grooming existing shipboard equipment to providing a total communications room upgrade. The team's customer satisfaction ensures future ship transfers.

Enabling the *USNS Comfort* — this is what we do!

*By Jim Orlando
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On Sept. 13, SPAWAR 04N requested that we provide pier connectivity for *USNS Comfort* when she tied up in New York harbor following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The ship provided humanitarian support to the people of New York upon its arrival, and we were tasked to provide telephones, video teleconferencing (VTC) and high speed internet capabilities to an existing shipboard network.

At a hastily called meeting with various SPAWAR members, and a plethora of support contractors, we developed a plan and established a fielding team. While materials were being gathered, travel plans were being made, and a team was dispatched to meet the ship when it arrived Friday morning (Sept. 14). The ship's arrival was delayed, but our welcoming committee was waiting on the pier at 6:30 a.m., less than 24 hours after the initial call. The rest of the team, with all the required equipment and parts, arrived in Manhattan around 11 p.m.

Initially, a local pier switch was out of commission, but by the time it was reconnected, the ship's installation was complete and the phones, VTC and internet connection were brought on line.

This effort, led by the C4ISR Superintendent and Fleet Support Office, Regional Shore Installation managers for the Mid-Atlantic, was supported primarily by the SATCOM Branch. Our thanks to all of the SSC Charleston employees, support contractors, and NCTAMs personnel for their efforts.

During one of the many conversations with SPAWAR headquarters, they said they were impressed by how quickly SSC Charleston responded and provided the ship's telephone and internet capabilities. Our response was, "Tell us what your requirements are, give us access to the resources to get it done, and get out of the way and let us do our job. This is what we do!" We will continue to provide support to the *USNS Comfort* and its crew as long as it's needed.

To all of my coworkers, remember, this is what we do!

SPAWAR introduces 'corporate booth' at eBusiness Knowledge Fair



Dave Wennergren, DoN Deputy CIO for eBusiness and Security; Rick Paquin, CT; Harry Copeland, SPAWAR HQ, SKC Today; Han Mumm, SPAWAR HQ, SKC Today; Karen Kaniewski, Connecting Technology; Sharon Anderson, *CHIPS* Editor; Beth Mason, SSC Chesapeake, Mobile Computing; Margie Smith, SSC San Diego, ITEC Direct; Pat Neal corporate booth coordinator; Rick Vroman, SSC Chesapeake, Mobile Computing; LCDR David Bussiere, SSC Chesapeake.

*By Sharon Anderson
CHIPS Editor*

Need a new marketing idea — an attractive and creative way to exhibit and promote your groundbreaking project, system or program? Look no further than the SPAWAR Corporate Booth. Coordinated by Patricia Neal of SPAWAR headquarters, the SPAWAR Corporate Booth offers the proven power of name recognition to showcase your project.

Jennifer Watson, Computer Services Division, Command & Control Systems Department, is the SSC Charleston lead in coordinating Charleston products and services for exhibiting in the SPAWAR Corporate Booth at Connecting Technology (CT). You can contact Jennifer with your ideas at 757-445-4288. For more information and conference dates, contact Pat Neal at 619-524-7429.



Meet the Connecting Technology October 2001 team



The Connecting Technology October 2001 team. Back row from left to right: Rick Paquin, Pat Koehler, John McLaurin, Bill Bunton, Nancy Reasor, Calvin Finley, Bob Abernethy. Second row from back from left to right: Karen Kaniewski, Sandy Mieczkowski, Tony Virata, Mary Kay Demorest, Julia Jones. Front row from left to right: Sharon Anderson, Doris Bohenek, Jackie Smith, Sherleyann Parks. Kneeling: Jakki Rightmeyer, Bobbi Drexler (behind the sign), and Mark Williams.

By Sharon Anderson
CHIPS Editor

Due to DoD's and DoN's heightened security posture, Connecting Technology Fall 2001 will be a virtual event. The theme is *Connecting People* — but this time, we are connecting you *virtually*, rather than physically — featuring the same top quality speakers, private industry partners, and topics that you have come to expect. Opening remarks will be given by Dan Porter, the DoN Chief Information Officer (CIO). Our keynote speaker, Rear Adm. Slaght, will speak on Web Enabling the Navy. CT virtual attendees will be able to communicate interactively with speakers and vendors, maximizing the virtual experience. Our program agenda and further details are available on our Web site at <http://www.it-umbrella.navy.mil/ct/>. The DoN is currently focusing resources on the warfighter and ship deployments. By tuning into Virtual CT, you can learn about the Department's cutting edge technology tools being used to meet our national defense mission. Be informed and challenged with the latest in wireless technology, NMCI updates, the C4ISR vision, professional development opportunities, and much more, by joining us at <http://www.it-umbrella.navy.mil/ct/> Oct. 30 through Nov. 1 for Virtual CT 2001.



Have you heard that dynamo—**Bobbi Drexler**, a DS-334-III, technical specialist — is retiring with 28 years of service? I say dynamo because that typifies Bobbi's work style and energy level. Bobbi came up through the "ranks" on the upward mobility program and hasn't stopped reaching for the impossible since. She has worn many "hats" while she has been in government service but of all her many accomplishments she will be remembered especially for her leadership in coordinating and nurturing Navy Micro (small computer conference started in 1982) through the years as it evolved into the dazzling Connecting Technology symposia of today. As a GS-7 she successfully coordinated a Navy Micro computer show in Europe in 1987. Ask anyone who has worked with or supervised Bobbi and they will say—she is a superb team player, tireless, innovative employee, risk-taker and *troublemaker* with a wicked sense of humor. We love her and we will miss her everyday.

Veterans' Day — Nov. 12, 2001

**A special thank you to all — our veterans,
our current force, and those yet to come —
who fight to keep us safe and free!**

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, D.C., became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as "Armistice Day".

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar congressional action. If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "the War to end all Wars," November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.

Armistice Day Changed To Honor All Veterans

Realizing that peace was equally preserved by veterans of World War II and Korea, Congress was requested to make this day an occasion to honor those who have served America in all wars. In 1954 President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.

A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.



A nation mourns — and we with it



Jay Walker (J741JW) plays *Taps* at the end of the memorial service held Sept. 14 in front of the main engineering center.

President Bush declared a National Day of Prayer on Friday, Sept. 14, in remembrance of the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He asked the people of the United States and places of worship to mark this National Day of Prayer and Remembrance with noontime memorial services. As a result, memorial services were held around the country — including various locations within SSC Charleston. Here are a few things some of our folks shared with us:

☞ Nearly 100 people gathered at St. Juliens Creek to give their support and prayers for our nation. **Cmdr. Arthur Billingsley** said, “We assembled around the nation’s ensign while holding hands to promote unity. It was a very nice event.”

☞ Civilians, retirees, and elementary school children united in the Norfolk, Va., area wearing red, white, and blue to show their support for our country. **Laura Nelson** said, “We are all wearing or tying ribbons in some form, to commemorate our Red, White, and Blue, prompted on this national day of mourning.”

☞ The folks in our Engineering Support Facility located

on the old naval base gathered at noon on Sept. 14. **Nell Mitchell** said, “Mr. Washington read scripture and gave a homily concerning the relationship between the scripture he read and the current circumstances. It was very moving and the prayer was extremely comforting.”

☞ In front of the main engineering center in Charleston, employees gathered around the flag pole where we pledged our allegiance, listened quietly to inspirational messages and song, and held hands as we sang God Bless America.

With heavy hearts, America is speaking out and standing up — united, preparing for the days, maybe years, ahead. When asked to share their thoughts and feelings about the attack on our country, here’s what some of our people had to say:

☞ **John Griffiths** was near *ground zero* when the Pentagon was attacked. John said, “Like other workers at the Pentagon, the SPAWAR personnel assigned to support the Joint Staff were evacuated from the building after the terrorist attack. We did our duty following all the evacuation requirements — locking safes, setting alarms, and locking the vault. While we perform these duties as part of a nightly lockup, never have these activities been performed with such speed or with such an elevation in our heartbeats. The voice on the loudspeaker saying “EVACUATE! EVACUATE!” seemed to rise in pitch with each repetition of the order.

“Once the role was taken at our assembly location, and we knew that our entire group assigned to the Joint Staff was out safely, I (previously a medic in the Army) volunteered to go to the impact area and attempt to help. I was assigned to a five-person triage team (comprising a former emergency room nurse, a husband and wife ambulance crew who saw the fire and came to help, a former Army hospital dentist, and me). Also, an Army colonel formed a group of litter bearer teams. After a while, a group of doctors arrived from Walter Reed Army Hospital. Our adrenaline was flowing and we wanted to help as much as possible.

“The fire was burning fiercely and the volunteers were told to stand by, with the hope that the fire could be tamped down enough for the volunteers to help. The wait seemed forever. Time and again we were forced to move back for fear of another explosion, and then we’d move up again when the threat subsided. Unfortunately, the fire could not be put out that day. We were not able to help.

“Tuesday (Sept. 11) evening, like the rest of the country, we watched our television sets. Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld said the Pentagon was “open,” and Wednesday morning, with the building still on fire, the SPAWAR people assigned to the Joint Staff were working at their desks in the Pentagon. The smoke in the air was unpleasant, and the thought that many of our coworkers lay dead in another part of the building was even more disturbing, but we were Americans, at work and doing our jobs.”

☞ **Ann Howell** said, “The attack on America Tuesday

changed every American and our lives will never be the same. It is time for everyone to focus on the things that make a difference — things money can't buy — health, happiness, hope for tomorrow, love for our neighbors, virtues that cleanse the inner soul and most importantly, support and belief in a great nation. For the first time in my 54 years of life, I have felt a unity within our great nation. For the first time in my life, I see superb leadership from government, state and local officials as well as love, compassion, and unity among these leaders. This is heart warming for me to know a decision can be made without politics intervening in the equation. *America the Beautiful* has never had the meaning it has today. There is no doubt this was a wake up call for all Americans. I know America is a great nation and God's goodness and blessings will continue to endure evils that attempt to destroy us. My heart and prayers go out to the families who lost love ones in this great tragedy. This tragedy has affected every American forever, but I believe this great nation will continue to flourish. One Great Nation, under God, we Stand United! God Bless America!"

✧ **Luis P. Vega** said, "My heart and prayers go out to all those who lost loved ones in this tragedy. I am still waiting to hear from a friend who lives and works in Manhattan, and trying to figure out the safest and quickest way to bring my wife and daughter home to me. They were due to fly home Wednesday morning after attending a wedding, and have been staying at my parent's house in New Jersey since they have been unable to fly home from Newark Airport.

"My wife was waiting and finally did hear from her cousin who worked on the 52nd floor of Tower 2 (and whom she had just seen at the wedding). Her cousin made it safely home. She is still waiting to hear news of a former co-worker (my wife is an Air Force veteran) stationed at the Pentagon.

"On a more personal level, I'm in the process of reenlisting (I am an Air Force veteran) in the U.S. Air Force Reserves in the wake of this attack."

✧ **Imaad Salem**, said, "As the fire fighters and emergency workers sifted through the remnants of the Twin Towers, Americans from all walks of life



At the beginning of the memorial service, Capt. Deitch talks to the folks in Charleston about the Sept. 11 tragedy .



Patty Breazeale, Paula Somers, John Monroe, Joanne Banks, and Denise Simmons sing *How Great Thou Art* during the memorial service in Charleston.

Hands across SPAWAR



withdrew deep into their souls in search of answers. Not answers to questions with religious and political dimensions, but to questions with civil and humanitarian components. We have the answers to: what, where, and when? We all watched the events unfold minute by painful minute in New York, Northern Virginia and Pennsylvania.

“This left us with who and why? In recent days, who has become clear! They are enemies with no compassion or sense of humanity — enemies of the people of the United States of America; every Christian American, Jewish American and Moslem American; every Native American, African American, Irish American, Japanese American, Arab American, all Americans! Why? Simply because America has the best that humanity has to offer. Those who waged the attack on us declared war on the whole of mankind.”

Reflections...

As the reality that America was under attack sank in, some of our senior citizens experienced flashbacks of the only other time in history when America was directly attacked... Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

✎ **Norma Shuler** said, “I was a young girl when Pearl Harbor was hit, but I remember it like it was yesterday. I had gone to the movie and when I came out, the newspaper boy was yelling “EXTRA! EXTRA! Read all about it! Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.” I really did not quite understand what it was all about except I knew that it was bad. It all happened on foreign soil, but now that it has hit on our soil you wonder what’s next. I have heard many times that the next war would be on our territory, as well as somewhere else... I just pray we will have the type of men and women that we had back during WWII who will be willing to fight for our beloved country. May God bless our men and women, and God Bless America.”

✎ **Elizabeth Harris** said, “My sincere appreciation goes out to all of our veterans and the people headed overseas now. Sept. 11, 2001, will have much greater meaning to all of us this year. These events brought back such a flood of memories for my father that it sent him into a deep depression. He felt helpless because he wanted to help and realized that there was nothing he could do. I grew up listening to his stories of the war from the D-Day invasions to the liberation of the Nazi death camps. I believe, as does he, that it is truly a miracle that he even survived the Normandy Beach invasions on June 4, 1944, and even more amazing the battles he forged on to fight in the months to follow. The conditions he endured are unimaginable to the common man who has not experienced such horror. He has a strong belief that I feel will guide many of our young soldiers off to fight this war against terrorism in this day and time. The one thing that he feels has carried him through all the battles were his mother’s prayers for his safe return. We all need to pray for those who are headed to the Middle East. Now, I know how difficult it was for him to leave his family and go off to battle, not knowing whether he would ever see his family again. Our hearts go out to all of those families experiencing this same feeling and the families who have lost loved ones.

“It stirs up a lot of emotions in me as well, knowing that this has had such an impact on not only my father but other WWII veterans as well. For the families of the ones that did come home, we are the fortunate ones. Their stories have impacted our lives tremendously and given us a greater appreciation for our freedom and what they did for that freedom. Taking care of him in these last two weeks as well as my family and continuing to work and carry on a normal life has been stressful, but we must go on and do what we have to. I feel like I owe it to him.”

✎ **Charley Rogers** said, “I was born a month after Pearl Harbor, but from my earliest memories I can recall my parents talking about it and about President Roosevelt’s speech in reaction (This day will live in infamy.... I noted the same united look on President Bush...”

✎ **Bill Richter** said, “I was in the 4th grade on Dec. 7, 1941. My father was on a destroyer home ported in Pearl Harbor. He had moved the family to Pensacola, Fla., about a year earlier in anticipation that the war might spread to the Pacific. On Dec. 7, my cousin and I were playing in the woods near our grandmother’s house, and we didn’t come home until after dark. Everyone looked very somber. They told us the attack on Pearl Harbor had occurred, and they hadn’t heard anything about my father. It was days before we learned that he was alive and well. His ship had been at sea looking for the Japanese when the attack occurred. He was in harm’s way for the next two years before being re-assigned to shore duty. Then back to sea until the war ended. We were greatly concerned about our father’s safety, even when the events of the war seemed to be moving in our favor. We didn’t like being so apprehensive, but we knew there was no other way to remove the threat the Japanese, Germans and Italians posed to the rest of the world.”

Every day of our lives we make decisions, some are life changing, but most are not. As we rush around trying to get everything done, chances are we won’t even remember a given day’s events a month or a year from now. But whatever we do with the rest of our lives, one thing is certain: Sept. 11, 2001, has left an indelible impression on every one of us, and we are forever changed because of it. Our country has come together, united for one purpose — freedom. And as our president said, “We will not fail.”

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Editorial

Attack on America — *from where I sit*

By Lynda Silvers
Chronicle Editor

Sept. 11, 2001, began as a beautiful late summer morning here in the Lowcountry. But shortly before nine o'clock, all hell broke loose, and our lives were changed — forever! As we heard on the radio and saw for ourselves on television what was happening to our fellow citizens in New York, we were in shock. We didn't, we just couldn't, believe what was happening. And then the Pentagon was struck, and the realization that America was under attack shook us to the very core of our being.

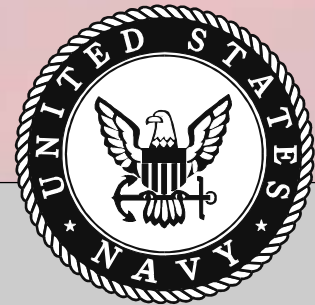
As we watched in horror, fear and uncertainty clouded our thinking and brought us to our knees. The American people wept. Our hearts were heavy and our tears flowed. But then, an amazing thing happened, as is always the case with Americans — we stood up, TOGETHER — UNITED! Yes, we still hurt, we still cry, we still grieve, and we're still searching for answers and solutions, but now we're angry. How dare someone do this to our country — the land of the free and the brave. People from other countries don't always understand Americans. We constantly bicker with one another; we argue about politics, and religion, and flags, and a lot of other stuff. That's what is so great about this country — we're free to have our own opinion about any and everything, and we are free to express those opinions, but when our country is attacked, it's one for all and all for one.

SSC Charleston has people all around the world — including the places attacked. **James Lynch**, a technician in the Fleet Site Support Branch (J632), worked in the Pentagon and was in his office at the time of impact. Sadly, Jim did not make it out. Those who knew him, deeply mourn his loss. Those of us who did not personally know Jim can only try to console our coworkers. I received several emails about Jim after this horrible tragedy, all with a common thread — he was a good and kind man; and each person talked about his gifts of candy to everyone he saw in the Pentagon. What a nice memory — the candy man. What a legacy!

Along with the tragic loss of our coworker, many of us had friends, relatives, or acquaintances who were either directly or indirectly affected by the Sept. 11 attacks, and things have changed — probably for a long time to come. Those of us physically located in Charleston count our blessings that the only inconvenience we have suffered thus far is that now we must leave home an hour or so earlier in the morning in order to get through the gate on time. Yes, we've all lost a few of the freedoms we took for granted; and yes, the additional security is aggravating, but considering all that has happened, traffic lines and gate closings are truly insignificant. And we certainly appreciate those keepers of the gates. We're all a little safer because of them.

I'm blessed to be somewhat of an optimist, and I always try to look at everything that happens as an opportunity to learn, but this time it's very difficult to see the bright side. There's so much pain to deal with — so many emotions. But I have noticed that people are more united, more patriotic, more caring, more willing to help others, more willing to listen rather than talk, and maybe a little less self centered. Those are all good things. Our hearts may take a while to mend, and our tears may flow for a long time, but our spirits are undaunted! As our nation moves to eradicate terrorism, pray for our leaders, our military, and all of our citizens that we will remain strong and united — one nation, under God, indivisible!

My sincerest sympathy to all who have recently lost loved ones, and to those who were extremely close to *ground zero*, for it is you who must live with these tragedies forever etched in your mind. May it be of some comfort to know that others care and share in your sorrow. God bless America!



The U.S. Navy celebrated its 226th birthday on Oct. 13. The Honorable Gordon R. England, Secretary of the Navy, was the guest speaker at the annual dinner/dance birthday celebration held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Va. The U.S. Navy Band provided music.

In an Oct. 2 Naval message, Rear Adm. C. E. Weaver, Commandant, Naval District Washington, said, "This year's birthday celebration is especially important in light of the recent challenge to our nation's resolve and unity. It provides each of us an opportunity to come together to honor our fallen comrades, uphold our Navy traditions and display our country's unity."

In memory of

James L. Lynch, Jr.

The Candy Man



Jim Lynch, a technician in the Joint Information Systems Fleet Support Branch (J632), died Sept. 11 in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon. He was 55 years old.

Jim was one of three exceptional technicians hired in Oct. 1983 to provide technical services to the Navy Command Center (NCC) for the support of the C3I systems that SPAWAR installed in the Center. **Ken Howerton**, who hired Jim, said, "Because of the high levels of visibility — Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) and Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) — these techs had to have excellent skills to survive in the NCC environment. Once, we considered stopping our NCC support because of funding issues, but the Center's commander would not allow us to stop because of the quality performances of Jim and his colleagues. NCC is a remote location to us, so Jim and the others carried a lot of responsibility to insure their performance met the Center's, CNO's, and SECNAV's expectations."

Harry Jackson, a long-time friend and coworker of Jim's, said, "With Jim you had a friend for life. He always had a warm, cheerful greeting for me of 'Hey HC.' He was always offering to lend a helping hand, or let you borrow some possession of his that might help you out. I don't think Jim ever met anyone he did not like, and it would not take long for you to become the focus of his keen sense of humor."

"He was very thoughtful, funny and smart. All of these qualities would shine through whether communicating with Jim in person, on the phone or via email," said his supervisor, **Kathryn Murphy**. "One of his technical strong points was video, the displays and switches. He told me recently that he used to moonlight at the Capitol Center operating and maintaining projectors."

At the time of his death, Jim primarily served as the on-site support for the Global Command and Control System – Maritime (GCCS-M) at the Pentagon's NCC. Although

assigned to a specific branch, Jim worked with various people throughout the SPAWAR claimancy. "Jim was a very caring person, and I will miss him greatly," said **Shirley Essam**, SPAWAR PMW157 ashore manager.

Born on the 4th of July, Jim was a very patriotic person. He had a 15-foot flagpole in his front yard and always flew his American flag. He also had a strong appreciation for nature and its most delicate beauty. He spent hours every week feeding and watching hummingbirds in his yard and growing a wide variety of roses. Jim also loved taking pictures, especially of his family. "It is actually hard to find pictures of Jim because he was always behind the camera taking the pictures," his wife Brenda said.

Jim was known by many at the Pentagon as *The Candy Man*. For many years, Jim walked the Pentagon halls handing out Werther's Originals, which he bought by the case. Every day during his lunch break, Jim had a regular route handing out candy to people, trying to put a smile on their faces. This practice extended beyond the Pentagon. Jim gave candy to cashiers at stores, bank tellers, or anyone that he felt needed a lift or a smile. His son, Paul, is continuing this tradition.

Jim is survived by his wife, Brenda, of Manassas, Va.; a son, Paul Lynch of Waldorf, Md.; a daughter, Patty Singh of Indian Head, Md.; and a stepson, John Jackson of Lovettsville, Va.; his mother, Doris Lynch; sisters, Maureen MacDonald and Carolyn DeRosier of Enfield, Conn., Judy Hesse of Broad Brook, Conn., Kathleen Zetscher of Silver Spring, Md.; a brother, Michael Lynch of Rockville, Conn.; and three grandchildren, Nikki, Jimmy, and Kelli.

Our deepest sympathy to Jim's family, friends, and coworkers. The Navy, SPAWAR, and the Washington, D.C., area especially, will surely miss *The Candy Man*.

July 4, 1946 — Sept. 11, 2001

We will always remember Jim Lynch — the candy man



Patricia A. Hackett, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, wrote these words which were read as a eulogy during the memorial service held in Jim's honor on Oct. 12, "When I started a new job in the Pentagon a couple of years ago, I heard about a man working in the building who everyone knew simply as the candy man. Once a day the candy man would walk briskly through the halls of the Pentagon, listening to earphones and wearing tennis shoes for comfort on the hard floors, as he dispensed a pocketful of candy throughout the hallways and offices during his daily rounds. Then one day in the hall outside my office, a friendly, smiling Kenny Rogers look-alike wearing earphones handed me a piece of candy, and I knew I had finally met the candy man. After that encounter, he stopped by my office every time he was in my corridor and laid a piece of his favorite candy — Werther's Original — on my desk. When I moved to a new office two corridors away, I was afraid I wouldn't see the candy man again, but he soon discovered where my new office was and once more I enjoyed his candy-toting visits.

"In addition to his ever-present earphones (I never did ask him what he was listening to), the candy man sported the most wonderful collection of wild, multi-colored ties I have ever seen — I especially liked the bright red, orange and yellow ones. He always had a smile on his face and a bounce in his step. He never lingered in each office — he simply placed a piece of candy on your desk with a cheery hello and quickly continued on his way. His pleasant smile and friendly demeanor always cheered me up whenever he came into my office or when I met him in the hall. One day I finally asked him his name and learned that he was a civilian employee working for the Navy. I also learned he loved to cook and he added me to his email distribution list for his favorite recipes. He always signed his email "Gym" — I never learned the significance of this unusual spelling of his first name.

"He was one of those unsung heroes of the Pentagon who helped make life in the *Puzzle Palace* a little brighter as he brought sunshine into our lives merely by a smile and a piece of candy.

"On September 11, 2001, the unthinkable happened and a terrorist's cowardly deed took away our candy man.

"To Jim Lynch of Manassas, Virginia, the Pentagon's candy man — thank you for your bright smile and happy heart. You will be remembered by many people in the Pentagon. I only hope you have a very large pocket full of

Werther's Originals with you because I have heard they are the angels' favorite candy.

"It's for all the Jim Lynches of the world — and their families — that I mourn. I will never understand man's inhumanity to man. I was handling the Pentagon disaster fairly well until I discovered our candy man was one of the casualties and suddenly death had a face — and a warm smile, earphones, a brightly colored tie, and a pocketful of candy. Goodbye, candy man."

Tom Sinnwell, who works with the Navy Liaison/DISA and is a former Pentagon worker, said, "Jim Lynch was quite the character. I remember when I first met Jim, it was in support of the Navy Command Center in the Pentagon. I was working in the Navy Computer Facility. Many times he would have questions concerning how the Navy LANs worked and what the capabilities were. He would even roll up his sleeves and help us run cables in support of the Chief of Naval Operations. Then one day I walked into him as I was on my daily walk around the Pentagon. He reached out and gave me a piece of Brach's candy. From then on, everyday as I walked, I would run into him. He would give me a piece of candy and ask how I was doing. A short conversation, but very enjoyable as he would sneak that piece of candy into my hand. Around the Christmas holidays, Jim would wear his Santa hat and continue to hand out candy to everyone he knew as he walked. That tradition lasted for many years.

"I did not know many personal things about Jim, but he will be greatly missed by fellow coworkers.

"I will be keeping all of Jim's family in my prayers and want them to know that Jim is up in heaven, looking down on all of them and will be taking care of them from even up there. He is one of a few friends I have lost in that terrible tragedy."

Sherre Hayes said, "I talked to James on several occasions. He loved to give candy to all the ladies! Whenever you came into his area, he would give you a piece of candy right into your hands! I loved that! It was a very nice touch and a way to warm a person up upon an initial introduction. Everyone liked him. He knew his job well — I am sure that was one reason why he stayed on that project for so long. He will be missed. I knew a total of nine very talented, professional military and civilian persons who lost their lives. I am hurting."



